



# LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION

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## **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

On Thursday, October 25, 2007, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on educational governance and accountability in California. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

This is the second of two planned hearings as part of the Commission's review of California's educational governance and accountability systems. The Commission is examining these systems to identify reforms that will improve student outcomes. This hearing will provide a review of various aspects of California's accountability system. Witnesses will discuss oversight through sanctions and interventions, organizational capacity, data analysis and evaluation and lessons from successful schools. A complete agenda is on the reverse.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

In addition, the Educational Governance and Accountability Subcommittee of the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a site visit of Jonas Salk High-Tech Academy on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The school is located at 2950 Hurley Way in Sacramento.

The Educational Governance and Accountability Subcommittee of the Little Hoover Commission also will meet on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Library and Courts Building II, located at 900 N Street, Room 340, Sacramento, CA. The subcommittee will discuss assessment tests and the culture of testing.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site, [www.lhc.ca.gov](http://www.lhc.ca.gov). If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) by Thursday, October 18, 2007. Commission hearings can be viewed via Webcast within a week after the hearing date on the California Channel Web site, [www.calchannel.com](http://www.calchannel.com).

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**Public Hearing on Educational Governance and Accountability**  
**Thursday, October 25, 2007**  
**State Capitol, Room 437**  
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## **Public Hearing: 9 a.m.**

### ***Oversight: Sanctions and Interventions***

1. Jenifer J. Harr, Senior Research Analyst, American Institutes for Research

### ***Organizational Capacity: Defining the Appropriate Role for Each Layer of Governance***

2. Wendy Harris, Assistant Superintendent for School Improvement, California Department of Education
3. Susan K. Burr, Executive Director, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association
4. Richard Bray, Superintendent, Tustin Unified School District

### ***State Board of Education: Enforcing the Accountability System***

5. Gary Borden, Deputy Executive Director, California State Board of Education

### ***Data Analysis and Evaluation***

6. Keric Ashley, Director, Data Management Division, California Department of Education
7. Matt Aguilera, Principal Program Budget Analyst, California Department of Finance

### ***Lessons from Successful Schools***

8. Daniel Chacon, Principal, and Willetta Fritz, Teacher, English Department Chairperson and English/Language Arts Curriculum Support Provider, Sanger High School
9. James S. Lanich, President, California Business for Education Excellence

### **Business Meeting Agenda**

***(The Commission will consider agenda items I-VI at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)***

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2007 and Sept. 27, 2007
- II. Draft Report – Career Technical Education
- III. Schedule/Project Selection
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
- V. Implementation Activity
- VI. Reports from Bureau of State Audits